

Appendix 4

Public Participation Survey

Custer County Questionnaire Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Planning

This questionnaire is being provided to you on behalf of the Custer County Commissioners to solicit feedback, and aid in the development of the Custer County Wildland/urban interface fire Mitigation Plan. The plan seeks to reduce the threat of wildfire damage within the areas of wildland/urban interface through hazard identification, vulnerability assessment and risk mitigation. Mitigation measures will include, but are not limited to, wildfire prevention through reduction of fuels, increasing fire protection capabilities of communities, and public education. The goal of the program is to decrease the cross over of wildfire spreading from public lands onto private or community lands.

You can help in this countywide effort by providing valuable information and comments, which will be used during the assessment process and in the development of potential mitigation alternatives for your community.

You may either mail this questionnaire to the address provided; or you may drop it off at your local fire department.

1. Which Fire District do you reside in?

☐ Clayton

☐ Challis

☐ Stanley

☐ Mackay

2. What specific locations within your community do you think are currently being exposed to an extreme fire hazards and pose a wildfire risk to homes or property?

3. Have you participated in community-sponsored activities to reduce the risk of wildland fires or to protect residents from wildfires spreading from public land to private?

4. Are you aware of any fire reduction education programs in your community? If so, which ones?

5. Do you think these education programs are beneficial?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. How can they be improved?

7. Do you know what to do if a wildland fire affects your community?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Would a web page with wildland fire information help keep the community informed?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. If we have questions or would like more information, can we contact you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Are you willing to support/participate in wildland risk mitigation activities?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(Optional)

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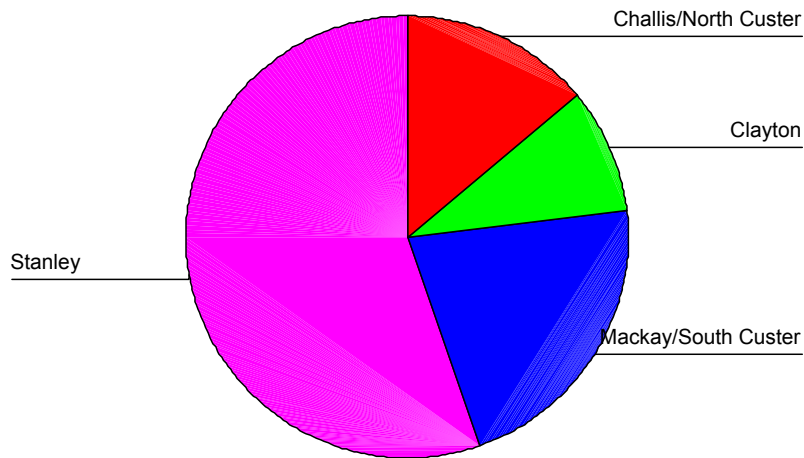
Additional questions or comments can be provided to Emergency Response Solutions, Project Manager
Wes Jones 208-552-2627 or wjones@ida.net.

**Custer County Wildland/Urban Interface
Mitigation Planning Questionnaire Results
6.5% Return Rate
February 2, 2004**

1. Which Fire District do you reside in?

Custer County Communities	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Challis/North Custer	9	13.8	13.8
Clayton	6	9.2	23.1
Mackay/South Custer	14	21.5	44.6
Stanley	36	55.4	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

Custer County Communities



2. What specific locations within your community do you think are currently being exposed to an extreme fire hazards and pose a wildfire risk to homes or property?

Locations of Hazards	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Listed Location	45	69.2	69.2
Did not list location	20	30.8	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

Comments:

- Brown tress, SNRA between Peach Creek Treon Creek, and Gardner Creek; either side of the Salmon River and along HWY 75.
- Any location where 30% or more trees are dead due to Pine Beetle and other causes.
- South end of the Crooked Creek Subdivision, lot of dying trees.
- Building (old barn) "old stage coach stop" and the land at Thompson Creek.
- All throughout Stanley where there are dead trees because of the Pine Beetle.
- Trees and Cabins in Trees
- By the Mountains
- Where ever they don't graze cattle

- The entire forest! My property is adjacent to the National Forest on the west boundary.
- Surrounding Forest Service Lands, especially dead timber in forests.
- Big Casino Campground, very close to private property
- Beetle Problem
- Stanley, Redfish, Petit, and Alturas Lake areas with bug killed trees.
- Probably only a forest fire or a fire pit
- Don't know of any
- Along Salmon River below Stanley Basin Cabin Sites
- River bottom land along the Big Lost, heavy brush and dead tree load
- Trees, sagebrush (BLM Lands) adjacent to the City property
- Smelter Road towards bridge that leads traffic up Mine Hill Road.
- All of the forest is in big danger
- Barton Flats Area along Fish Hatchery Road, Chilly Road
- Between the Ranger Station and Squaw Creek bridges because of the wind west to east on the River.
- Iron Creek, Fisher Creek
- 5 miles south up Stanley Basin, both sides of the highway
- Stanley Basin Cabin Sites, Fish Hatchery, Redfish Lake
- We have removed all dead and infected trees within our subdivision. This helped, but forest service needs to continue to reduce fuels around us.
- Willows along north fork of the Big Lost
- Beetle Pine Trees
- Dry fields and grasslands
- Don't know
- Christopher James Resort, with people hiking through woods that have no interest or knowledge of preservation or private property
- Don't know
- Alturas Lake Area
- Iron Creek Area
- Forest Land- the usual, Fisher Creek, Sagebrush bench to the south
- Iron Creek
- Bark Beetle damaged (dead) trees along HWY 75 from Galena Summit to below Yankee Fork (Sunbeam) and HWY 21 west from Stanley. The dead trees need to be cut and removed.
- Unknown
- Not sure
- The whole 153 acres that comprise the homes and properties of the Iron Creek Homeowners Association.
- My property is located in the Stanley Subdivision near Iron Creek and borders the National Forest on the west side. Until the dead and dying trees are removed my property is probably lost in the event of a forest fire. It is apparent that the Forest Service could care less about private properties by the way they have responded to the red tree problem. If a fire should occur on the west or south of the subdivision chances are most of the homes in the area would be lost.
- Timber stands along Job Creek Road, beetle kill in Iron Creek Subdivision
- Iron Creek, Crooked Creek, Redfish, Stanley Lake Area, Basically most of the SNRA
- Not Aware of any
- Forest Service Property to Crooked Creek
- Pine Beetle Infestations, Homes in wooded areas w/o 30' buffer zones between wood and house, Hunting areas, Campfire in undesignated fire pits, Mike Hill four wheelers
- None
- None
- Trash fires
- Open Campfires on the Robinson Bar road in Summer, also White Cloud Area
- Everywhere there is lodgepole pine
- Dead Trees on the river, Antelope Creek campground underdeveloped on Antelope Creek, no fire regs, they should make the people use the developed campground for this reason and because of contamination

of ground water as there are no outhouses and they drive ATVs around and around trampling vegetation compacting soil, ATVs over vegetation risking fire hazards and causing more permanent scaring of the land

- Open campfires in drought summers

3. Have you participated in community-sponsored activities to reduce the risk of wildland fires or to protect residents from wildfires spreading from public land to private?

Participate in Hazard Reduction	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	14	21.5	21.5
No	51	78.5	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

4. Are you aware of any fire reduction education programs in your community? If so, which ones?

Fire Education Programs	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	13	20.0	20.0
No	52	80.0	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

Comments:

- No, I don't think that there has been any.
- Not aware of any
- There are none
- Didn't know there was any.
- The Sawtooth National Recreation Area representatives made a presentation to our area last August.
- Not in Stanley
- Attended Forest Service and Department of Lands Seminar
- Fisher Creek Group
- I have gone to some of the meetings in Stanley that the state and forest service put on.
- I live in Nevada so I am not aware
- No, we are presently building a home in Stanley
- F. S. – Sawtooth NF community phone tree
- Not aware
- Specialists from the forest service stopped by our house last summer when it looked, briefly, that a fire down Highway 21 might turn towards Stanley
- Forest Service/National Forest Brochures and Campfire Safety in Wilderness areas
- USFS has been successful prescribing burns and those should continue

5. Do you think these education programs are beneficial?

Education Beneficial	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	39	60.0	60.0
No	26	40.0	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

6. How can they be improved?

How Can They be Improved	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Made Comment	18	27.7	27.7
Did Not Make Comment	47	72.3	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

Comments:

- By informing all property owners of the programs and when and where they can be attended.
- Start an education program

- More information
- Cut down the dying and dead trees
- Maybe more publicized
- Don't know
- Let more people be made aware they exist
- Not sure
- Keep telling the people how to prevent and show some films
- Communication with homeowners
- Better advertising about meetings
- Information published regularly in Challis Messenger
- I don't know
- Don't know
- An annual community meeting for neighborhood residents in Fisher Creek
- More trimming of beetle kill trees and overgrown forests, plus less hassle for trimming projects, firebreaks, near community etc.
- Offer Fire pans and/or asbestos blankets for sale at Stanley Ranger Station
- Ranger visits were helpful
- Lived through the San Bernadino fires of 2003, although Mackay does not have the TV coverage for Emergency routes out a posted and published emergency plan
- It was truly frightening to realize that entire streets were burning in San Bernadino w/o a single fire truck near by – winds were so dangerous. Fire creates its own weather; the 2000 burn in Salmon had a tornado run thru a camp. Fire fighting in Custer County has such limited resources, w/drought, it's conceivable to have the entire County burn – BUT – where previous burns have taken place, a new wildfire has less fuel. The key is to not let a prescribed burn blowup. Tourism is the main thing Custer County has going for it – Federal lands has our policy hands tied. Your best bet is to make residents aware of emergency exists, and animal safety (horses, stock) on short notice.
- Don't know
- By seeing one advertised

7. Do you know what to do if a wildland fire affects your community?

Do wildfire Effect Your Community	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	30	46.2	46.2
No	35	53.8	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

1. Would a web page with wildland fire information help keep the community informed?

Would a Web Page be Effective	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	51	78.5	78.5
No	14	21.5	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

9. If we have questions or would like more information, can we contact you?

Can We Contact You	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	55	84.6	84.6
No	10	15.4	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

10. Are you willing to support/participate in wildland risk mitigation activities?

Are You Willing to Participate	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	48	73.8	73.8
No	17	26.2	100.0
Total	65	100.0	

Cross Tabulations:

Custer County Communities * Do Wildfires Effect Your Community

		Do wildfire Effect Your Community		Total
		Yes	No	
Custer County Communities	Challis/North Custer	4	5	9
	Clayton	4	2	6
	Mackay/South Custer	3	11	14
	Stanley	19	17	36
Total		30	35	65

Custer County Communities * Locations of Hazards

		Locations of Hazards		Total
		Listed Location	Did not list location	
Custer County Communities	Challis/North Custer	2	7	9
	Clayton	4	2	6
	Mackay/South Custer	10	4	14
	Stanley	29	7	36
Total		45	20	65

Custer County Communities * Participate in Hazard Reduction

		Participate in Hazard Reduction		Total
		Yes	No	
Custer County Communities	Challis/North Custer		9	9
	Clayton	1	5	6
	Mackay/South Custer		14	14
	Stanley	13	23	36
Total		14	51	65

Custer County Communities * Fire Education Programs

		Fire Education Programs		Total
		Yes	No	
Custer County Communities	Challis/North Custer	2	7	9
	Clayton		6	6
	Mackay/South Custer	1	13	14
	Stanley	10	26	36
Total		13	52	65

Custer County Communities * Education Beneficial

		Education Beneficial		Total
		Yes	No	
Custer County Communities	Challis/North Custer	5	4	9
	Clayton	3	3	6
	Mackay/South Custer	8	6	14
	Stanley	23	13	36
Total		39	26	65

Custer County Communities * Would a Web Page be Effective

		Would a Web Page be Effective		Total
		Yes	No	
Custer County Communities	Challis/North Custer	7	2	9
	Clayton	4	2	6
	Mackay/South Custer	10	4	14
	Stanley	30	6	36
Total		51	14	65

Custer County Communities * Are You Willing to Participate

		Are You Willing to Participate		Total
		Yes	No	
Custer County Communities	Challis/North Custer	5	4	9
	Clayton	5	1	6
	Mackay/South Custer	8	6	14
	Stanley	30	6	36
Total		48	17	65